

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicant(s):** Tsunao HONBO**Group Art** 2622**Serial No.:** 09/842,888**Examiner:** SHERRILL, Jason L.**Filed:** April 26, 2001**For:** IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND ITS CONTROL METHOD**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****RECEIVED****AUG 02 2004****Technology Center 2600**

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Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants concurrently file herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying PTO-1449.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.



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3. PTO-1449;
4. Copies of 9 items cited on PTO-1449;
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